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Hiſtorical BALLAD.

Humbly Inſcribed to the

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1.

FULL Forty long Years has *Old England* com-plain'd
Of Taxes, of all Sorts and Sizes; (drain'd,
Much Blood has been ſpilt, much Wealth has been
Yet ſtill She good Counſel deſpiſes.

2.

If Crowns She confers, and Kingdoms divides,
With which She has nothing to do;
Yet no One can blame Her for oft changing Sides,
To Her own Kings, juſt ſo She is true.

3.

To pull down the *French*, to raiſe up the *Dutch*,
The *Spaniard* and *German* to ſave;
For Her Self to do Nothing, for Others too much,
If not Wiſe, at leaſt it was Brave.

4.

At length comes a Peace, and *France* is careſs'd,
For *France* is a faithful Ally;
Then *Germans* are rais'd, the *Spaniard* oppreſs'd,
And all this, without knowing why.

5.

Our Admiral nobly the *Spaniard* ſurpriz'd,
Burnt his Ships, e'er a War did begin;
And juſt as the Powers more potent adviſ'd,
Poor *Savoy*'s turn'd out, and turn'd in.

6.

Then *Germans* and *Spaniards* united She dares,
And enters undaunted the Liſts;
Secur'd by the HESSIANS, *Old England* ne'er fears,
And Great WOLFEMBUTTLE aſſiſts.

7.

Our Trade will be loſt, all *Europe* wear Chains,
Don *Carlos* to *Italy*'s ſent;
New Taxes, more Troops, employ all your Pains,
This fatal Invaſion prevent.

8.

Cry'a Mercy! it ſeems this was a Miſtake;
For Intereſt the Don we muſt aid;
Our ancient Ally we now muſt forſake,
Of the Emperor only afraid.

9.

Such Conduct muſt lead us — *Jove* only knows whi-ther —
Yet Order may ſpring from Confuſion;
'Tis Peace, it is War; 'tis Both, it is Neither,
Effects of a bleſs'd Revolution.

10.

Oh ROBIN! oh HORACE! ye Brethren ſo wiſe!
Who Matters of State ſo well handle;
At leaſt take away, we humbly adviſe,
The Taxes on Soap and on Candle.

11.

To your Honours it is ſufficient Pretence,
To order Repeal to thoſe Laws;
That our Ladies no more (to ſave the Expence
Of waſhing) be forc'd to wear Gauze.

12.

Their Majeſties then, when e'er they deſire,
With Safety may Ramble by Night;
Nor tumble in Ditches, nor wallow in Mire,
For Want of a *Half-Penny Light*.